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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER FACTS FAX

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DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 02-Apr-04

DATE	PRODUCTION (000)		ICE-PACKED, MULTI-DROP, IMMEDIATE DELIVERY		
	Actual Slaughter	Live Weight	Price Range	Weighted Price	# of Boxes
03/29	2,122	5.58	61-91	79.01	7,660
03/30	2,022	5.59	67-91	79.33	5,804
03/31	1,925	5.50	74-88	78.52	5,094
04/01	2,126	5.49	61-92	79.58	5,335
04/02	2,149	5.41	76-88	78.64	5,563
Weekly	10,374	5.51	Cumulative:	79.02	29,456

NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, Week of 05-Apr-04

Weighted Averages for:	Current Week	Last Week	Year Ago
New York	76.04	76.33	52.04
Chicago	73.99	73.82	50.15
Detroit	74.83	73.00	49.18
Los Angeles	78.97	78.98	67.18
12-City Composite	76.96	76.77	57.71

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 02-Apr-04

	Weekly Weighted Average Price	Total Volume/Pounds
Breast - B/S	216.19	2,984,444
Tenderloins	219.64	555,260
Breast - With Ribs	119.34	783,920
Breast - Line Run	116.59	594,440
Legs	41.61	1,460,208
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	32.91	2,281,936
Drumsticks	38.87	730,830
Thighs	47.95	297,520
B/S Thighs	107.69	375,260
Wings (Whole)	123.93	735,600

(Includes NY City metro area, RI, Northern NJ, MA, CT, PA (NE of Harrisburg))

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 27-Mar-04

	Current Week	Last Week	Year Ago	10-Weeks Prior	7-Weeks Prior
Eggs Set	210,955	209,673	205,168	206,764	206,642
Chicks Placed	172,440	171,496	169,325	166,529	168,937

SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, W/E 27-MAR-04

	Current Week	Last Week	Year Ago
Head (000)	152,749	153,006	152,814
Average Live Weight	5.16	5.15	5.07
To Date 2004 (000)	1,842,387	1,689,638	-----
To Date 2003 (000)	1,807,846	1,655,032	-----

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE: Total frozen poultry supplies on **February 29, 2004** were 7% above last month, but 13% below February 2003. Total stocks of chicken were 2% above last month, but 19% below last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were 13% above the previous month, but 3% below last year

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